

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2178, H2179, H2179–80, H2375, H2375–76, H2376, H2376–77, H2377–78, H2378, H2379, H2379–80, and H2380. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Testimony was heard from David Eisner, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. AID.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Frederick D. Gregory, Deputy Administrator, NASA.

VIDEO AND DATA INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at Video and Data Services.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER: FINANCIAL LITERACY AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Generations Working Together: Financial Literacy and Social Security Reform.” Testimony was heard from former Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming; and former Representatives Tim Penny of Minnesota; and Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC CHECK CLEARING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act.” Testimony was heard from Louise L. Roseman, Director, Division of Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action H.R. 285, Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2005.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Management Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Norman Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; James S. Gilmore III, Chairman, National Council on Readiness and Preparedness; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT NUCLEAR DETECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attacks concluded hearings entitled “DHS Coordination of Nuclear Detection Efforts, Part II.” Testimony was heard from Vayl Oxford, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security.

527 REGULATION

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Regulation of 527 Organizations. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shays, Meehan, Pence and Wynn; and public witnesses.

FOCUS ON A CHANGING JAPAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Focus on a Changing Japan.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE EAST AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on the Middle East and the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Philo L. Dibble, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; Richard S. Schifter, former U.S. Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, and Deputy U.S. Representative to the United Nations Security Council; and Richard S. Williamson, former U.S. Ambassador and Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; GANGS AND CRIME IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action H. Res. 193, Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the historic meeting of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, in Havana.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Gangs and Crime in Latin America. Testimony was heard from Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Latin America and Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; John P. Torres, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT— INDUSTRY COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1279, amended, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act; and H. Res. 210, Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day, and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and Worldwide.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 800, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on Industry Competition and Consolidation: The Telecom Marketplace Nine Years After the Telecom Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Committee Print Regarding Patent Quality Improvement.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUAM WAR CLAIMS REVIEW COMMISSION IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 1595, To implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission. Testimony was heard from the following former Delegates from Guam: Ben Garrido Blaz; and Robert Underwood; and the following officials of Guam: Felix P. Camacho, Governor; Antonio R. Unpingco and Benjamin J. Cruz, both Senators, Legislature.

UNITED STATES TSUNAMI WARNING AND EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action H.R. 1674, United States Tsunami Warning and Education Act.

FUTURE MARKET FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the Future Market for Commercial Space. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Air Traffic Management by Foreign Countries. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillinghman, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation. Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas A. Collins, USCG, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and Margaret T. Wrightson, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs an oversight hearing on the National Cemetery Administration. Testimony was heard from Richard Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; Judy Caden, Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERVIEW—TAX-EXEMPT SECTOR

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on an Overview of the Tax-Exempt Sector. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Sheldon S. Cohen, former Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 21, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Office of Management and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine an overview of methamphetamine abuse, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth J. Krieg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine present and future costs of Department of Defense health care, and national health care trends in the civilian sector, 1:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine structural deficits and budget process reform, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of Amtrak, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine anti-corruption strategies of the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank and European Bank on Reconstruction and Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine easing costs and expanding access relating to small businesses and health insurance, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold an oversight hearing to examine governmentwide workforce flexibilities available to federal agencies including the implementation, use by agencies, and training and education related to using the new flexibilities, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's management agenda, including Federal financial performance, best practices, and program accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, S. 339, to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities, S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to